

## **Volleyball Officials Memo #2**

### **September 11, 2018**

We are well into the 2018 Volleyball Season and things have seemed to be going well! We have had a few interesting situations come up but nothing that our great officials have not been able to overcome! Below are a couple of those scenarios that we felt necessary to include! Reminder that a lot of additional information can be found in the Volleyball section under the Coaches & Administrators' tab on the IGHSAU website. This section is different than the general volleyball section of the website. Good luck as the last few weeks of the season approach, and as always if you have any questions please feel free to contact [tim@ighsau.org](mailto:tim@ighsau.org).

**Regional Assignments** – The IGHSAU will release the pairings for the post-season the first week of October. We will have first and second round officiating assignments in Arbiter by Friday, October 5. Please double check your schedule in Arbiter and block the dates that you ARE NOT able to work. Your schedule should be open if you are willing and able to work a post-season assignment on that date.

#### **Post-Season Dates**

Regional Matches Classes 1A/2A – Oct. 16, 22, 25, 30

Regional Matches Classes 3A/4A/5A – Oct. 17, 23, 29

State Tournament at US Cellular Center, Cedar Rapids Nov. 6-9

**Video Training for New Rules and NFHS Rules** – We have purchased the rights to the training video for all of our high school officials to utilize. There are two videos, the new rules for 2018 and the complete rules video.

New Rules 2018: <http://vbofficiating.com/high-school-volleyball-new-rules-2018.html>

Complete Rules Video: <http://vbofficiating.com/high-school-volleyball-2018-all-chapters.html>

**Assignor Database** – We are currently collecting information from all officials that act as assignors to create a database of assignors to make it easier for new and current officials to work more matches! If you have not done so already and you are an assignor, please fill out our quick survey:

<https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/bH6c49AzK9aB6xJ3v7WQjO>

**Head Coach Designation** – Schools that have “Co-Head Coaches” must designate a head coach prior to the beginning of the match and that coach must remain the head coach for the entire match. The coach is designated by attending the captains meeting prior to the match. Other coaches may not stand unless congratulating an outstanding play or greeting a player exiting the match.

**Compression Sleeves** – Compression sleeves, knee pads and socks are not considered part of the uniform. Thus, they do not need to be of a like or similar color or the same color between teammates.

**Court Markings** – It is recommended by the NFHS that all boundary lines be of one clearly visible color contrasting to the color of the floor and other lines on the floor. This is especially critical for the centerline. The centerline shall consist of a continuous line, two inches wide, parallel to and equidistant from the end lines. If the floor has a logo in the center of the court, that logo should not distract from the visibility of the centerline. Small breaks at the three-point line of a gym floor are okay, however the centerline is a potential safety issue and that must be complete.

**Officials Evaluations and Requests to be Evaluated** – We have a great group of officials that will be evaluating officials throughout the fall season. If you would like to be evaluated, please e-mail [tim@ighsau.org](mailto:tim@ighsau.org) to request an evaluation. We will also be doing random evaluations at many matches throughout the season, if an evaluator is at your match please allow for 5-10 minutes following the match for a debriefing.

**Pre-Game Officials Positioning during Starting Lineups/National Anthem** – The R1 and the LJ that will be on the corner of sideline on the R1 side will stand on the sideline between the net and three-meter line on the right side of the officials stand looking at the court. The R2 and LJ on the R2 side of the court will stand on the sideline between the net and three-meter line on the right side of the R2 position looking at the court. Diagram shown on last page.

**Varsity Pre-Game Warm-up** – The first five minutes will be spent with both teams on the court for ball handling. The next six minutes the visiting team gets the court for hitting and serving. The home team may ball handle on the playing surface BUT must remain off of the court. The following six minutes the home team gets the court for hitting and serving. There will be no mutual serving time. Flexibility is permitted for pre-game warm-ups for Saturday tournaments, however mutual serving and mutual hitting (shared net) is not allowed.

**Jewelry** – Players may **NOT** use plugs, strings, rubber spacers, plastic spacers, straws, retainers, etc. in lieu of the actual piece of jewelry during competitions. All items (metal or otherwise) are considered jewelry and not permitted per NFHS rule. Daith piercings (for migraines) are permitted to be worn, **provided** the school's athletic director has obtained permission by providing a doctor's note to the IGHSAU stating a medical need for the piercing.

**Officials Uniform Requirements** – For varsity level and postseason matches, the white polo with the State of Iowa Iowa Girl logo must be worn. This shirt is available at Image Sport for \$35. The Image Sport link can be found on the IGHSAU Officials' Central Hub. Officials are also **REQUIRED** to wear **ALL** black shoes and black socks, black pants and a black belt (if have loops). **Image Sport is now offering long sleeve polos and IGHSAU pull-over jackets.**

**Officials Taking Pictures of Athletes for Uniform Clarification** - If an official believes the uniform in question needs clarification from the IGHSAU, you must ask the coach for permission to take a picture to send in to us and not take the picture without permission from the coach or administrator.

**Officials Not Honoring Contracts** – It is unprofessional for an official to cancel on a school or assignor at the last hour. We understand that conflicts arise at the last minute and we ask on behalf of the assignors that you do your best to help that assignor and/or school find a reputable **certified** official as your replacement. Thank you for your help with this!

## **Protocol and Rule Clarifications for Memo #2**

### **Multiple Contact Verbiage** –

“Judging by Spin” and “Looks Ugly” are not appropriate verbiage to be passed on to the coaches.

**R1 Communicating after match (if questioned):** “Coach in my judgement and from my vantage point there were multiple contacts on the ball by the player committing the violation.”

**R2 Communicating to coach during match if questioned:** ““Coach it was the judgement of the R1 that the player made multiple contacts while playing the ball during that contact.”

Remember, the R2 can discretely give a help signal to the R1 but may not end a rally to call a multiple contact.

**Scenario: Player is serving. She throws the ball up to serve, steps over the serving line and lets the ball return to the floor. What is the ruling?**

Correct Ruling: *Re-Serve*.

“A serve is contact with the ball to initiate play.” “The server shall serve from within the serving area and shall not touch the end line or the floor outside the lines marking the width of the serving area at the instant the ball is contacted for the serve.” Because the ball was not contacted, there was no serve therefore a foot fault would not be called.

## **Points of Emphasis from our Observers**

Each memo, our officials' observers will provide a few points of emphasis observed over the last few weeks to clarify.

**Utilizing Unnecessary Delay – (Rule Book Page 40).** If teams are releasing onto the court late from time-outs or between sets, don't be afraid to issue a team delay to emphasize the importance of timing. The first unnecessary delay is an administrative yellow card, the coach is not required to sit for this offense.

**End of Set, the six players on court switch sides counterclockwise around the volleyball standards –** the players and bench personnel switch sides along the sideline in front of the officials' table.

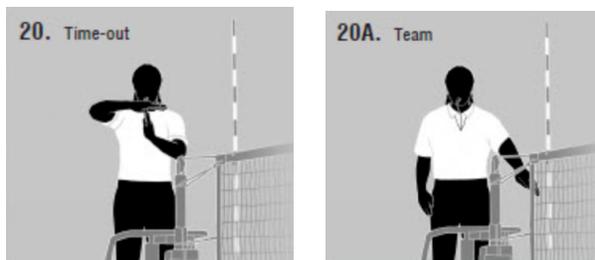
*Page 73 Case Book: "...the team members walk in front of the officials' table to their new team benches. The players (which designates the six players on court) proceed counterclockwise along the sidelines past the standards to their new team benches."* **See Diagram on Last Page.**

**Separating your Whistle and Signals –** When a play becomes dead, blow your whistle immediately to end the play. Gather your information from your partners (LJ's and R2), signal the result of the play; *point/loss of rally, replay or re-serve*. Signal the violation; *and hold the hand and arm signal long enough to be seen*. Find a smooth flow and rhythm to your whistle and signals.

**Communication with your officials' table workers –** it is important to set the stage for a smooth match, talk to your bench personnel prior to the match. It is also important for the R1 to instruct the Line Judges on their responsibilities, not just asking if they have done it before. At the collegiate level during each pre-match, regardless of the level of certification the line judges have, the R1 will go over the responsibilities.

### **Officials' Signal of the Memo – The Time-Out Signal**

When a team requests a time-out, double-whistle, place the palm of a hand horizontally over a vertical hand on the side requesting the time-out, forming a "T". Follow this signal by indicating the court of team being charged.



### **"Tip of the Memo"**

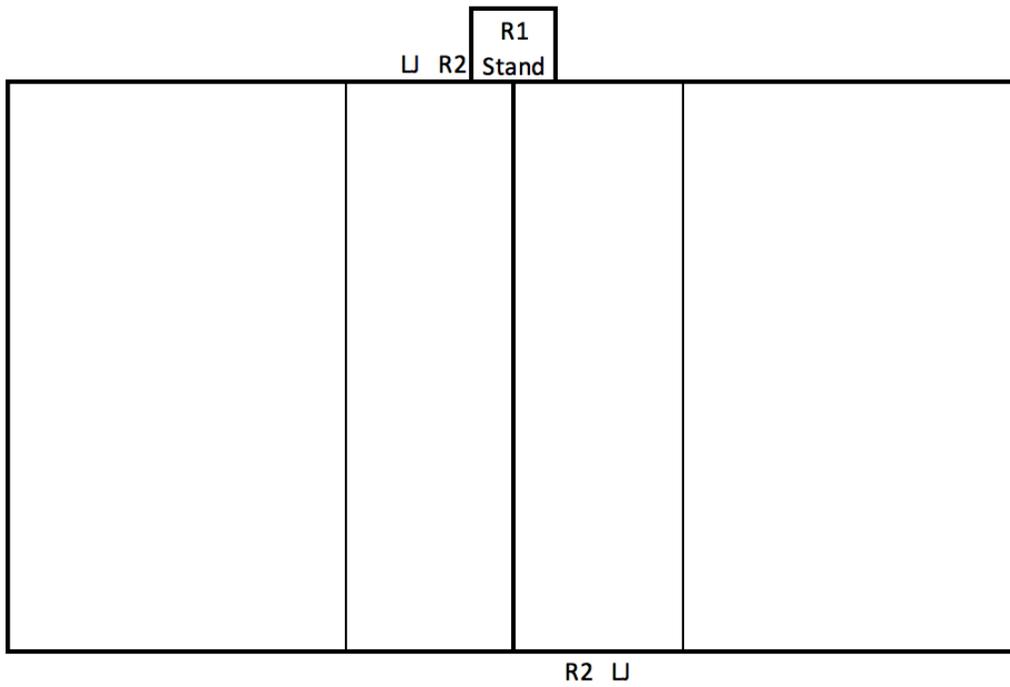
Sometimes we run into a scorekeeper that may not be the fastest when recording substitutions, this can add time to the match and we have to be patient with them. As an R2 if there is a single substitution, release the substitution onto the court and remember the numbers of the players if the scorekeeper needs clarification. This can eliminate waiting for the time it takes the players to exchange in addition to the delay from the scorekeeper. It may only save 5-10 seconds, however in the odd chance all 36 substitutions are used in a set, it could save 6 minutes per set during substitutions.

Thank you for all of your professional services this season thus far! Our observers will continue to get out and observe throughout the remainder of the season. We ask that all of our officials officiate as if they are being observed every match! Don't forget to get out to Arbiter and block dates that you ARE NOT able to work in the post-season!

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**Diagram for Pre-match Protocol during Starting Lineups and National Anthem**



**Diagram for On-Court Players switching sides between sets**  
*Bench players and personnel switch along sideline in front of officials' table*

